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Sex Column Divides Student Body

By ELIZABETH NOWROUZ
News Editor

UMW is talking about sex. And not just that. It is talking about talking about sex. Students are choosing sides, and what began as the brainchild of a women's studies class is now one of the most controversial topics on campus.

Senior Elz England and 2005 alumna Betsy Crumb began their "Sex-clamations" column in *The Bullet* in the spring of 2005. With topics ranging from public hair removal to birth control legislation, the column is the first of its

kind for *The Bullet*.

"It was meant to be an informational yet informal discussion of issues focusing on women's sexuality," Crumb said in an e-mail. "If you want to have sex and are having sex then we are here to help you with that choice."

Junior Katherine Pacios disagrees, and so, she says, do over 500 other UMW students.

"I have thought from the beginning that it didn't make sense," Pacios said. "It's not journalism and I think it's degrading to men and women."

Pacios, believing she was not

alone, created a petition urging for the removal of "Sexclamations" from *The Bullet*.

"[It] decreases the value of *The Bullet* to less than that of *Cosmopolitan*, and diminishes the reputation of our school in the eyes of the community and prospective students," the petition reads. The petition is printed in its entirety on page 9 of this issue.

According to Pacios, each person who signed the petition was informed that it would ultimately be submitted to the paper and printed. She also bought ad space in this week's issue of *The Bul-*

let to print the petition.

According to Pacios, the real push for a response came when the column changed hands. When Crumb graduated last spring, England was joined by senior Daniel Ceo, who provided a different take on many issues than Crumb or England. It was then, Pacios said, that she decided to take action.

"Sure, sex is a part of college life," Pacios said. "But it's not what our school is about. The opinions of one or two students doesn't speak for the school."

Pacios went door-to-door in resi-

dence halls throughout campus, and collected 507 signatures between November and January.

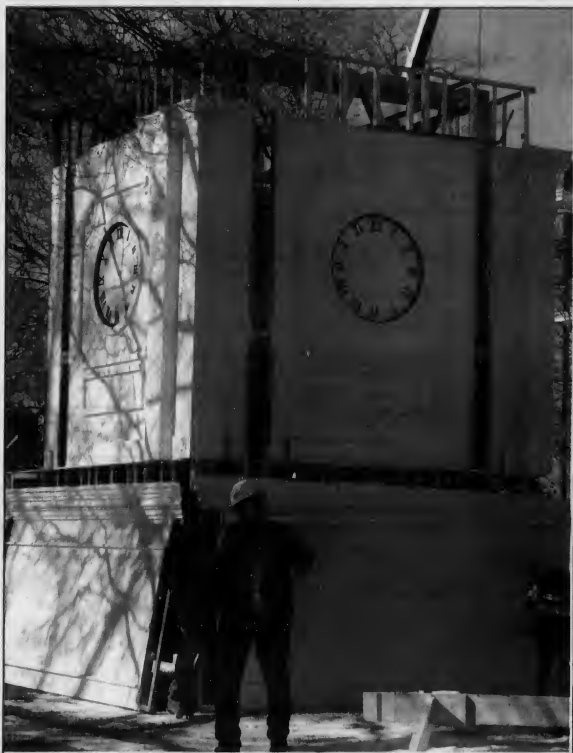
"Katherine [Pacios] showed an immense amount of prerogative by getting student backup to her claim," *Bullet* Editor-In-Chief and senior Stephanie Tait said. "A lot of people complain about the column, but she actually did something about it."

The news of the petition and the fervor surrounding the column were a shock to England.

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The Final Touches:

The clock and bells of the Carmen Chappelle Centennial Campanile will soon be lifted into place. Double Drive was entirely closed off to traffic in these last few days, but there is now proof that the end is in sight.



Beth Wilkins / Bullet

Dodging 'Moose,' Student Crashes

After Crashing Borrowed Car Into Professor's Home, Freshman Is Unharmful And Uncharged

By KATY BURNELL
Assistant News Editor

When UMW Debate Coach Adrienne Brovero and her husband returned home from the library on Dec. 16, they found tire tracks, broken glass and car parts littering their backyard.

"The first thing we noticed was that the tree across the alleyway was uprooted," said Brovero's husband, Judd Kimball. "Someone came up over the curb, knocked down the tree, swerved to avoid the garage then drove uphill and plowed into the fire escape."

After inspecting the damage done to his Idlewild home, Kimball found an apology note, hand-written by a UMW student, taped to the front door.

Freshman biology major Curran Bullock struck the Walker Drive residence with another student's SUV, doing \$7,000 damage to the vehicle. The estimate on the damage to the house, which the couple is renting, has not been calculated.

The accident occurred after midnight when Bullock attempted to drive from a party at one UMW student's home to another student's home.

UMW junior Justin Schlesinger said that Bullock did not secure per-

mission to drive Schlesinger's green Mitsubishi Sport the two-and-a-half blocks from the party to Schlesinger's house, where Bullock was spending the night.

After reading Bullock's note, Kimball called the Fredericksburg Police Department to file an incident report.

The Fredericksburg Police told Kimball that Bullock, a native of Lynchburg, Va., did not possess a valid state driver's license when the incident occurred.

Bullock could have faced a class two misdemeanor charge under Virginia state code for driving without a license, but due to land-usage rules the 18-year-old is ineligible for prosecution.

Bullock declined to comment on the matter, saying, "Overall, I was very lucky in that it was not as big of a deal as it could have been. I could have very easily killed someone, including myself." Bullock left the scene unharmed.

Bullock attributes the accident to his lack of driving experience. He recalls ramming the fire escape at "at least" 15 miles per hour.

"Being new to driving, I pushed my foot down on the accelerator instead of the brake [after hitting the tree]," Bullock said.

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School Asks For \$35 M For Dorms

By KAY BOATNER
Staff Writer

Residence halls at the University of Mary Washington are about to become a little less crowded.

University officials have requested authority from the state government to raise \$35 million to build new residence halls on campus. Gov. Tim Kaine has addressed the issue in his proposed amendments to the current state budget. The budget has yet to be approved by the General Assembly.

According to Rick Pearce, associate vice president of business and finance, the bill will be effective July 1 if it is passed.

"We are optimistic that they will be approved in the final version of the budget bill," Pearce said of the requests regarding new dorms.

Administration is optimistic that the bill will be finalized soon.

"We will know the outcome around the first week of March, assuming the General Assembly adjourns on time," said Rick Hurley, vice president of administration and finance.

To raise the \$35 million necessary to build these dorms, the University plans on borrowing the money.

"We will borrow the money through the state treasury, which is akin to taking out a mortgage," Hurley said.

The money would be enough to build two new dorms.

"We want to build two residence halls...one in the next logical space up from Arrington Hall and the second

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Honor Council Gets Advisor

By KATIE MORGAN
Staff Writer



Beth Wilkins / Bullet

Dr. Chirico and his stuffed armadillo reflect on his new position as advisor to the Honor Council.

Dr. Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, was selected as the University's advisor to the Honor Council in September. The position was created when President Frawley and the Board of Visitors delegated procedural and supervising powers over the Council to Chirico. Chirico's appointment signifies an unprecedented administrative involvement within the Honor Council.

This involvement, intended by the Board of Supervisors and Frawley to fix potential problems and inequalities within the honor system, may change the way the Honor Council works in the future and the amount of influence student leaders have over the honor system.

According to Frawley, the change

is intended only to protect students who appear before the Honor Council as well as to protect the Council itself.

"The long-running of the honor system revealed two significant issues in its operation—some decisions could be made that might put the institution at risk without the institution having a commensurate position as a responsible agent in the decision; some decisions could be made that may put the students at risk without them being able to be indemnified," Frawley said. "The Board of Visitors, long before I arrived at UMW, had seen these risks and had decided it needed to act; I also saw the risks when I arrived and agreed with the Board. So we put in place the system we have now."

Both Frawley and Chirico emphasized the role of the advisor in over-

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5 Day Forecast

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
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Verbatim...

If you are single or miserly, bust out the glitter, an old shoebox and red marker and make everyone your Valentine.

—Elz England, page 9

Chirico Given Sway Over Council

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seeing Council decisions to ensure fairness during student trials and fix problems and inconsistencies in the system.

"I want to ensure fairness and due process for everyone involved," Chirico said, listing it as his number one goal as advisor. "We wouldn't even need checks and balances at the federal level if everyone did everything right...any system needs oversight."

According to Honor Council President Stephen Gregg, a junior, the change has not affected the normal operations of the Council.

"Dr. Chirico has mainly left the operation of the Council to itself...his main job is to ensure consistency," Gregg said.

Freshmen Council member Sarah Bosworth agreed.

"I'm not sure that it's really changed much during hearings," Bosworth said. "It's played a more significant role administratively, on decisions made outside of the Honor Council."

According to Frawley and Chirico,

Chirico's influence on the basic operation and individual members of the Council is limited to supervision and advice.

"From an authoritative standpoint I'm a pretty significant supervisor in that the President and I have a lot of discussion about how the hearings may go and how investigations are conducted," Chirico said. "When it comes to the council meeting, that's the Honor Council president's arena. We have committee meetings now looking at things, and those are put together by the [Council] president."

Frawley also stated the same influences, adding that Chirico has the ability to cancel cases as he sees fit. "His role in the process is to facilitate, manage and mentor, not to intrude, although he does have authority to cancel a case if he so decides," Frawley said.

According to Chirico, he expects his use of this privilege to be "very seldom" and is a measure to protect prosecuted students from legislative mistakes.

"[I would cancel a case] if due process had not been followed... if mistakes had been inadvertently

made," Chirico said.

The process also allows the Board of Visitors and other administrators to protect the Honor Council from legal actions against it when cases are mishandled.

However, Honor Council members and administrators are prohibited from commenting on specific cancelled cases. The Honor Council is required only to report its activities to the Board of Visitors, another role that Chirico now serves.

According to Frawley, besides maintaining consistency and fairness, one of the reasons the Board of Visitors created the new system was because other Virginia schools, including the University of Virginia and Virginia Polytechnic University, have similar positions in place.

Most members of the Council would prefer that the power of the Council remains in the hands of the students.

"I think a little more faculty or administration involvement could be beneficial but it's important that it not override student involvement," Bosworth said.

Gregg explained that core strength

of the honor system is the sense of responsibility and values it instills in students by participating.

"Here the administration would like to stay out of it and let the system be student run so students understand the system and cherish it more," Gregg said.

Currently, Chirico does not believe that his presence will significantly change the influence of student Council members over proceedings.

Other students, like freshman Sunnan Yoon, find the new administrative presence positive.

"I don't think students should have that much power," Yoon said. "The Honor Council can erase your entire semester or kick you out of school for one thing. Other groups like the [Judicial Review Board] don't have that kind of power."

Freshman Antwon Washington agreed Chirico's influence could help the Council work more effectively.

"Even Honor Council members will momentarily stray from the Honor Code, even though they expect other students to uphold the principles," Washington said. "There is sometimes hypocrisy in the system. In

my opinion, it needs a whole lot of administrative involvement to be fair."

Chirico expects that his presence in the Honor Council will be enough to change problems within it without affecting the Council's traditional power system.

"I think this general idea of having an advisor with authority is going to remain," Chirico said. "However I'm already seeing I can back off as systems are going into place to ensure fairness. I feel very confident that that's going to happen."

He hopes that the new system will help students better understand the honor system so that it can be upheld, not changed, in the future, and has confidence in the student body's capacity to fix current problems.

"These young people are really earnest and work really hard at making things occur in a good, fair way," Chirico said. "The difficulty probably arises in that I've had more administrative experience. This is a learning institution, and they're learning from it. I wouldn't be in this position if I didn't feel students—all students, not just those 16 or so on the Honor Council—were capable."

500 Sign Against 'Sex'

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"I was floored that someone actually thought it was 'degrading' and offensive," she said. "They aren't reading the column closely enough, we always say have safe sex, and we even mention that many aren't practicing sex."

Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, has been reading "Sexclamations" since it debuted.

"It's great that students are getting us thinking and upset," Chirico said. "That's what a newspaper is supposed to do. Things like *Middlesex* and *The Buller*, they're doing a neat service. They should be stirring things up. Isn't that what it's all about at this age?"

"The column does its job," Tait said. "It invokes a certain amount of passion. Our goal is not to incite controversy so much as discussion."

This year the tone of the column has undergone some changes with its new perspective. England and Coo often have widely differing perspectives on issues regarding sex, and the column has shown that.

"This year Dan and I are often at crossroads," England said. "So there have been more point vs. counter-point columns."

England and Coo have had debates in the column regarding pornography and the validity of gender roles.

According to Crumb and England, the idea of starting "Sexclamations" also stemmed from the fact that many other schools had similar columns.

The Flat Hat, the weekly

They should be stirring things up. Isn't that what it's all about at this age?

—Bernard Chirico

newspaper of The College of William & Mary, features a sex column entitled "Behind Closed Doors."

"Alums... write in letters, but there's not much student protest that I know of," Jeff Dooley said, who is a sophomore and assistant sports editor for *The Flat Hat*.

"I really thought it was going to explode while I was driving it, so we left the doors open just in case we needed to bail out," Schlesinger said.

Schlesinger said that he found Professor Brovero's house by following the power steering fluid that had leaked out the steering column on Bullock's way back to the party.

"We just backtracked to find the house and followed the fluid, but that stuff was zigzagging all over the place," Schlesinger said.

Bullock disagreed with Schlesinger's account of what happened that night, saying that he remembered the house's location, and did not recall searching for the accident site.

Bullock and Schlesinger decided to handle the cost of fixing Schlesinger's SUV privately, and according to Bullock the repair costs have been paid in full.

According to Erik Nelson, a senior

"Behind Closed Doors," which is written by William & Mary senior Kate Prangman, has been in print for four years, according to Dooley.

The Feb. 2 edition of the column was a discussion of and tutorial on the basics of bondage.

"The column covers a pretty wide range, sometimes heavy stuff like STDs," said Dooley. "Lots of oral."

"There was definitely a buzz when ["Sexclamations"] came out," Chirico said. "But there was no 'get rid of it' that I heard."

As of now, England has no plans to address the controversy in the column.

"I don't want to waste my column space addressing people who should just skip reading the column if they have a problem with it," England said. "Reading the entire *Buller* is not compulsory."

"I will bring [the issue] up at the staff meeting this week and ask the editors for their input," Tait said. "I want to make this as democratic and two-sided as possible, but we have no plans to diminish or alter the column."

"We have lots of opposing viewpoints at this school," Chirico said. "They should all be able to say what they believe."

New Residence Halls Planned

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over top of the outdoor basketball court down by Marshall," Hurley said.

While the exact number of students that would be housed in the dorms has not yet been determined, estimates have been made.

"Preliminary plans call for two dorms of 200 and 150 beds," Pearce said.

The University currently has 16 dorms on campus. Ten of these buildings are upper-class dorms, while six are freshman dorms. The University also has on-campus apartments. According to the UMW Web site, some 2,500 undergraduates live in University housing.

While the bill allowing for new dorms may be passed as soon as July, Hurley predicts that the actual date for starting construction will be much later.

"It will take about two years before construction could begin and then at least another year after that before they would open," Hurley said.

According to Pearce, administration will start discussing possible start dates soon.

"The President and Board of Visitors will be discussing that along with other strategic planning issues over the next few months," Pearce said.

New to the University, President William Frawley has made it clear that he thinks the campus needs additional dorms.

"President Frawley has been advocating for one or two new residence halls, as indicated in his speeches to the University community since his arrival," said Christine Porter, director of residence life.

In his September 2006 inauguration speech, Frawley called for residences that were educational as well as residential.

Porter is excited to see what such dorms would look like.

"I believe that UMW needs new

residence halls. I'm inspired by Dr. Frawley's vision of a multi-use facility that would incorporate themes of living and learning," Porter said.

Mary Washington students are looking forward to the construction of the new dorms.

"It's exciting that we'll be having new additions to the campus," said junior Stephanie Sims.

Other students are just glad that there will be more living space on campus.

"New dorms will be good because with triples and such, two is company but three's a crowd," said junior Amy Sutphin.

Laura Rehbehn, also a junior, agreed.

"I think it'd be excellent if all students were able to be in doubles or singles," said Rehbehn, who has lived in both a triple and a quad during her time at UMW. "It's asking a lot of students to put them in a small room with more than one other person for a year."

According to the *U.S. News & World Report* Web site, the percentage of college-owned, operated, or affiliated housing units that are triples or suites at UMW is seven percent.

After hearing the news about the addition of new buildings to the campus, many hoped that this would mean updates for older buildings as well.

"With new halls, maybe we'd have the opportunity to do some work on our older facilities that we have been unable to do," Porter said.

In his August 2006 State of the University speech, Frawley said, "We need new student residences that are multifunctional, with computer labs, workout rooms, wireless coffee houses, classrooms, and faculty apartments."

With no immediate plans for construction or extensive remodeling, UMW students will have to wait to see if on-campus dorms will live up to Frawley's standards.

No Consequences For Student's Auto Crash

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Although Bullock said that he had not consumed any alcohol the night of the accident other party-goers confirm that alcohol was being served that night.

Bullock said he had a negative experience when he brought himself into the Fredericksburg Police Department the day of the accident, and that the Fredericksburg Police automatically assume the worst of any incident reported in Idlewild.

"The officer automatically assumed that I'd been drinking. He was very condescending," Bullock said.

Conflicting accounts exist about what happened on the night of the accident.

Bullock said that he struck the elm tree after veering off the road to avoid hitting a dog. Justin Schlesinger said that Bullock had swerved to avoid a squirrel and Professor Brovero's husband, Judd Kimball, said that Bullock told him he was avoiding a moose.

Kimball said that Bullock's moose excuse was "highly unlikely."

"I grew up in the Pacific Northwest. I know what a moose looks like, and I haven't seen one in Fredericksburg," Kimball said. "I was actually offended."

Bullock responded, saying, "I think I may have remembered the animal being much larger than it actually was."

According to Schlesinger, Bullock experienced difficulty remembering where the accident occurred that night after he'd returned to the party.

"He didn't remember what he'd hit

when he came back with the car," Schlesinger said.

Schlesinger said that he, Bullock, and another UMW student, senior Philip Holbrook, were able to drive the wrecked vehicle around Idlewild to search for the accident site, but the SUV was not safe to drive.

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Bullock and Schlesinger decided to handle the cost of fixing Schlesinger's SUV privately, and according to Bullock the repair costs have been paid in full.

According to Erik Nelson, a senior

planner for Fredericksburg's Planning Commission, the Idlewild community, which is located under ten minutes from the Fredericksburg campus, is technically private property—but only temporarily.

"There's often a transition period between the construction process and when the land is dedicated to the city," Nelson said. "Until Idlewild is dedicated the developer assumes liability for all damages incurred."

Idlewild residents are still required to follow all federal, state and local laws, but until the Fredericksburg City Council votes to accept the development's roads, Idlewild's Homeowner's Association assumes responsibility for managing the property.

Bullock said that he's only heard from the Idlewild Homeowner's Association once, when they contacted him to request compensation for the elm tree that he uprooted.

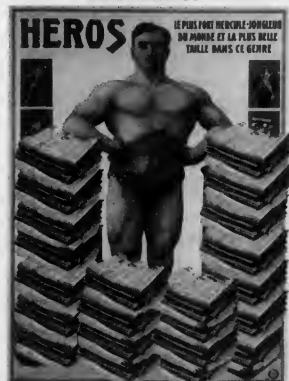
The cost of fixing the damaged fire escape has not been calculated, but Judd Kimball said that the ERA Crossroads Landlord Agency was in the process of performing an estimate.

The home's owner, who is a member of the U.S. armed forces, is currently stationed in Iraq and is unavailable for comment. Professor Brovero did not wish to comment.

The officer automatically assumed that I'd been drinking. He was very condescending.

—Curran Bullock

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Viewpoints

Editorial

Slavery Still Exists

TGIW: Thank God
It's Wednesday

Even though it seems that everyone is swerving all over the roads at this time of year, it's actually the opposite.

February is the safest-driving month, according to the Associated Press.

The safest day of the week?

Wednesday.

The most dangerous month and day?

A Saturday in October.

So while everyone is complaining about Virginia drivers and their lack of snow-know-how, relax knowing you're driving in the safest month of the year.

Just make sure it's a Wednesday.

By MARIA GARCIA
Guest Columnist

On Saturday, Feb. 10, UMW will be hosting lecturer Mohamed Yahya, the executive director for the Damanga Coalition for Freedom and Democracy, a non-partisan organization that promotes human rights in Darfur, Sudan, and elsewhere in the world.

SSTOP (Students Stopping the Trafficking of People) believed that Mr. Yahya would be an excellent person to host at UMW because not only would he promote awareness of the crisis in Darfur, but also, since February is Black History Month, he would raise awareness about modern-day slavery.

During Black History Month in the United States, people typically celebrate the fact that slavery is a thing of the past. In public school, children learn about the Underground Railroad, Harriet Tubman, Jim Crow Laws (and the abolition of these said laws) and about the civil rights movement.

At UMW, the students have been made to appreciate the work done in the past out of respect to the legacy left behind by James Farmer. Regardless of the fact that we are one of the most homogeneous colleges in the U.S.



Many get caught up in the romantic notion that slavery is in the past. In Africa and other countries around the world, even in the U.S., people are still being denied their freedom and their basic human right by being enslaved.

And while people of African descent are still being persecuted, people of other races are also being enslaved. Whether it be young women from Eastern Europe, child soldiers in Africa, immigrant farm workers from Latin America or children from Asia, people need to acknowledge the fact that slavery still exists.

The most powerful tool that exists is knowledge. At 5 p.m. in Great Hall, Mohamed Yahya will speak on behalf of the people in Darfur and elsewhere that are suffering, which will be followed by the first viewing of "Invisible Children," a documentary about child soldiers in Uganda. Yes, we realize that it is a Saturday event, but the knowledge gained at this event has the power to spread beyond you.

For more info go to damanga.com, slavery-syllabix.com, invisiblechildren.com.

Maria Garcia is a senior and would like to acknowledge the effort put forth by Richard Rios, the OSACS office and Jennifer Welsh so that this event could take place.

Do Not Dismiss Dining Concerns

Student Seeks Allies, A New Direction In Efforts To Change Dining Services Policies And Practices

By PHIL WHITE
Guest Columnist

I am writing to raise some concerns with the current dining services program run by Sodexo and to outline the predicament of trying to make a serious effort to make a positive change for the school.

As we are always told, "everyone likes to complain about Seacobeck and the Nest," and many would dismiss these concerns as mere whining. I would like to attempt to give an explanation of why I believe that all anyone ever does is "whine."

The basic issue, as I see it, is that there is nothing else for us as students to do.

There are only a few other reasonable options, all of which I found to be ineffective: talking to Sodexo managers or trying to fix things "through the system," trying to raise student awareness using such mediums as *The Bulletin* and trying to petition the school administration to get things changed.

At this time, I can honestly write that I have tried and thoroughly exhausted all three of these suggested methods that people typically suggest; none of them were effective.

First, I should give a general outline of what everyone already knows: the quality of the food served at Seacobeck is sub-par at best and the selection is poor. Things will occasionally get better and then worse, but better than terrible is not good enough.

Also, the prices at the Eagles Nest are grossly inflated, ranging from 20 percent over-retail-price increases in the bottled juice to 66 percent price hikes for Odwalla bars.

My further claim is that any significantly serious attempts to change things "normally" end up having little to no effect. It is for this reason that all we have left to do is "complain" and hope that someone with the power to change things will listen.

I worked for at least two months to try to talk to and reason with managers at Sodexo.

They were very polite, very professional and very skillful at promising a lot while doing next to nothing.

The extent of placebo-like commitment to

change on the part of Sodexo managers at UMW is vast and there is not room in this letter to give a comprehensive account of it.

However, I feel that it would be appropriate to include an anecdote that illustrates my point: does anyone else remember "Sunday brunch?"

While I do not still have a copy of the *Bullet* article in which a manager at Sodexo touted his new plan for Sunday brunch, I seem to recall this manager jubilantly informing a *Bullet* reporter that from there on out, Sunday brunches would be especially high quality, nutritious and delicious and that the only occasion that Sodexo needed to pull out all the stops to serve the students well was for the day of the week to be Sunday and for the meal to be brunch.

Unfortunately, anyone who believes this who has also attended a weekend brunch recently will be forced to conclude that Sunday has not occurred at Seacobeck in several months.

Sadly, I have been equally frustrated in my attempts to gather support from the students for trying to make a change.

I do not blame any members of the student body for this, as we are all in the same boat; however, it seems virtually impossible to get anything done to raise awareness of the possibility of trying to make a change.

I made a Facebook group and made a few postings on Middlesell to try to get people interested in what was going on. This had some success, but in addition to my limited diplomatic and persuasive skills (I am computer science and mathematics major, not a future lawyer), I found that as popular as Middlesell is, not everyone checks it frequently.

My goal in doing all of this was to get a petition written and signed by students to send to the school's administration asking for Sodexo to be replaced by a more effective dining services company.

For this reason, I planned to try to get someone from *The Bulletin* to write an unbiased article. As luck would have it, someone did ask to write an article about the petition. Thinking this would be immensely beneficial, I offered my full cooperation and spent upwards of an hour responding to

questions from the would-be author of the article via e-mail.

Unfortunately, that article was never published. After having been assured that it would be published after break, I found that the article was never even submitted and that once again any endeavors to change the status quo came to nothing.

Ultimately, it is not my goal to blame or point the finger at anyone, even Sodexo management; the point is that people who always say that "all anyone does is complain" do not seem to realize that there is little else for us to do.

Sodexo does not listen. Organizing a petition is too time-consuming (believe me, I worked for roughly four months before giving up).

There is no way I know of to help other than what I am doing now. I am asking everyone at this school—students, administrators, other staff members and anyone else who will listen—not to dis-

miss concerns with the inflated prices, nutritional value and general quality of the food that we are required to pay for when living on campus, especially when they are raised in an honest and mature manner.

Yes, "everyone complains about the food," but has anyone thought that there might be a good reason?

Perhaps people who don't have to eat on campus think it's stupid to complain about something as insignificant as health and nutritional concerns regarding the only food we can buy with our meal plan (and that most of us can afford).

But I can guarantee you, the vast majority of people who don't think we have a serious problem with our dining services program do not have to eat on campus.

Phil White is a junior.

“Sodexo does not listen... There is no way I know of to help other than what I am doing now.”

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Features

UMW Spreads The Love

By ELIZABETH HILLGROVE
Staff Writer

After assembling baskets, cards and gifts for the day's outreach, groups of students went out into the community together to distribute the "Luv'd at UMW" spirit on Saturday, Feb. 3.

Thirty student members of Community Outreach and Resources (COAR), Student Government Association (SGA) and Class Council collaborated with the Office of Students Activities and Community Service (OSACS) Director Lee Cotton and Associate Director Tracy Sutherland to spread spirit to the community.

"These are just people willing to get up early on a Saturday morning to help someone

else," Sutherland said of the volunteers.

Cotton addressed the members of these organizations gathered in Great Hall, stressing his appreciation for them.

"Before we start building community outside of Mary Washington, I wanted to say thank you for being here this morning," Cotton said.

Valentine's Day is usually a holiday of candy, flowers and love for those with significant others. While there is, of course, a place for this at UMW and with its students, "Luv'd at UMW" is a way to translate it in a universal way.

"Some people don't have that and might feel lonely [during this time]," Sutherland said. "We want to take our resources here and reach out to the community."

projects planned for the morning.

Another goal for Saturday was to generate a positive attitude with the residents in homes around UMW. For the most part, residents surrounding Mary Washington have a negative opinion of UMW students.

"The University doesn't have a good reputation being a neighbor," Sutherland told the helpers. "Elderly residents don't seem to remember their college days and there's some tension with that."

Cotton and Sutherland hope to improve the college's image in the minds of these neighbors.

Groups of students would be going to the Hospice Support Care facility to clean, going to the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank to organize shelves and throw out expired food, helping two individual Fredericksburg residents with their household requests, and giving "goodie baskets" to Mary Washington's resident neighbors.

With a breakfast of chocolate and sprinkled doughnuts, students made the Valentine's Day cards for the nursing staff at Mary Washington Hospital. They stuffed candy, complementary



Photo Courtesy Elizabeth Hillgrove

Class Council Class of 2010 Promotions Director Sarah Payne and Class Council Class of 2007 President Dan Clendenin pose with their homemade Valentine's.



Photo Courtesy Elizabeth Hillgrove

COAR Staffer Hannah Williams and Class Council Class of 2010 President Chelsea Evenden get to work at OSACS "Luv'd at UMW" event.

gift certificates and a message promoting good relations between UMW and its residential neighbors into water bottles.

Some of the volunteers, joined by Cotton and some members of his family, took the water bottles stuffed with the goodies to the neighboring homes as gifts to amend this reputation. The volunteers also gave any neighbor they saw a "Luv'd at UMW" T-shirt as well.

One very enthusiastic community member showed her appreciation to a volunteer.

"One of our students was given a hug by a

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Old Soul In A Young Body

By LUKE CUMBERLAND
Staff Writer

There is a historical air enveloping freshman Jay Greevy as he stands in archaic clothing on the same grounds that his ancestors fought on more than 150 years ago. Enter the world of Civil War reenactments; enter the world of Jay Greevy.

"General" Jay Greevy, as he is jokingly referred to by his peers, is a "living historian."

Some of Greevy's ancestors came to America on the Mayflower and others participated in many major American wars, including the Civil War. Greevy chose to reenact historical events because of this deep sense of familial tradition as well as the camaraderie he finds among fellow re-enactors.

"[Civil War re-enactors] are salt of the earth people with the desire to share the story of the troops that they portray," Greevy said.

When Greevy's suitemate and friend, Bradley Efford, learned of his companion's love of reenactment he was somewhat taken aback.

"The man is so calm and collected, I could never imagine him leading a battalion in a rebel army," Efford said.

Born and raised in Burke, Va., Greevy likes to

rades and battle reenactments of more than 5,000 men representing each person present on the day of the commemorated event.

Greevy, a prospective history or historic preservation major, prides himself on inspiring a love of history in others.

"As a living historian I hope to give today's Americans, particularly America's youth, an understanding and appreciation for our history and beginnings," Greevy said.

In December, he participated in a reenactment of the Battle of Fredericksburg. In battle reenactments, Greevy wears a replication uniform and is armed with a genuine rifle-musket.

But the gear is not all that is authentic about the reenactments. Ranking plays a big role in the organizing of live replications. The men with the most experience and knowledge of war tactics and schemes ascend in rank the fastest.

Because Greevy is a private in Company D of the 28th Virginia Infantry, he will most likely assume more responsibility the more hours he accumulates in battle. He is one of a couple dozen in his company who sites their main objective as teaching others about the past.

Upon meeting Greevy for the first time, JMU freshmen Megan Kelliher immediately sensed his classic aura.

"Jay is a guy from a different time in history," Kelliher said. "He personifies patriotism and goodwill toward mankind."

Greevy said it is important for the Mary Washington community to reflect on American history, especially during this time of political agitation.

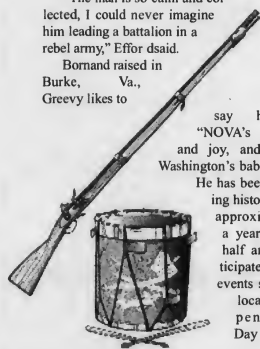
"Take time to study both sides of the war rather than dismissing one side or the other as right or wrong," he said.

As a full time college student, Greevy will not be able to dedicate as much time to reenacting as he has in the past. Greevy said he plans to keep busy with classes and continuing to look for opportunities to expose students to the fascinating world of American history.



Photo Courtesy Luke Cumberland

Freshman Jay Greevy poses in his reenactment uniform. Greevy recently participated in a reenactment of the Battle of Fredericksburg.



say he is "NOVA's pride and joy, and Mary Washington's baby boy." He has been a living historian for approximately a year and a half and participated in events such as local Independence Day pa-

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To hat-tricks.



To lying to make friends.



To calling the cops on your own house.



To losing basketball games. Pick it up Snackpaks.

Students Embrace The Community

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resident [when he gave her one of our shirts]," Cotton laughed.

Other volunteers traveled farther to some community members who had asked for help. One senior woman nearby had a flat tire, coupled with other automobile problems, and students went to her home to lend her a hand.

Another woman, who has been taking care of her family, asked for the simple task of helping her move a filing cabinet in her home. When asked if there was anything else she could use help with, she answered that she could use some raking in her yard, but did not want to ask college students to take time out of their Saturday for that. Of course, a group of these volunteers helped her out.

Junior Alyssa Lee, class council vice president, wishes for more service projects.

"Generally we try to get out into the community, but with [Class Council's] schedule, we host so many events and more are coming up, sometimes we're not able to do as much

community service as we'd like," Lee said as she organized the bottles to be handed out.

Freshman Sarah Payne, class council promotions director, agrees.

"This would be my first [community service project at UMW], but it's definitely not my last," Payne said.

In gratitude for volunteering, OSACS gave the helpers movie tickets to Regal Cinemas for Friday, Feb. 9.

"I like showing appreciation for people that come out to work," Cotton said.

Cotton would like this to be a continuing tradition here at Mary Washington.

"From the looks of this pilot project, the students were engaged and receptive of the idea," Cotton said. "And the community seemed encouraged and enjoyed it."

COAR staff member, Colleen McMichael said she was pleasantly surprised at the turn out for the service project day.

"It would be cool if we had a huge overflow in Great Hall, but it's wonderful to see everybody come out," McMichael said. "Next year I think we're going to make it even better though."



Photo Courtesy: Elizabeth Hillgrove

Student Activities Director Lee Cotton, Joe Mundy, Cotton's two children and father hand out t-shirts to residents surrounding the campus

Director Of Multicultural Center Resigns

By ELIZABETH HERTZ
Staff Writer

After spending 14 years as Director of Multicultural Student Affairs at the James Farmer Multicultural Center, Dr. Ameeta Vashee Rajagopal is leaving the University of Mary Washington.

Vashee, who said she is leaving UMW for personal reasons, does not know who will be replacing her but she feels good about the foundation and the mission she has set for the Multicultural Center. She believes it has a bright future. Throughout her time at UMW, Vashee influenced the community in many ways. She was in charge of bringing multicultural elements to the campus community. One of her largest accomplishments was founding

four years."

The program brings under-represented populations of students to UMW for summer classes and exposes them to the campus before standard classes begin in the fall.

Vashee said she is very sad about leaving UMW after spending a third of her life at the Multicultural Center. Her favorite part of working at UMW was the students and faculty and said she will miss students dropping in and giving her updates.

Many of Vashee's students have expressed their appreciation for the work she has done at UMW and they will miss her greatly.

"Dr. Vashee will be missed a lot," said freshman Daliana Gandarillas. "She is a great person who is willing to be there when you need her."



Photo Courtesy: Dr. Vashee

Dr. Vashee poses with Edward P. Jones. Vashee has resigned as director of the Multicultural Center after 14 years of service at UMW.

the Cultural Awareness Series, which brought guests such as Edwidge Danticat, Anchee Minn and Jim Vance to the UMW campus.

"I believe the Cultural Awareness Series is vital because of its ability to make culture real for students," said Vashee.

Vashee also spent much of her time at UMW serving as head of The Student Transition Program (STP).

"This is the most important program I was involved with because it has a strong retention rate for students who participate in the program," she said. "And STP allows us to get to know both the students and their families and build a relationship that lasts through their

Senior Jay Sinha will miss Vashee's leadership.

"For me, Dr. Vashee is literally the greatest mentor a student could ask for," Sinha said. "Without Dr. Vashee's Guidance, I would not be half the leader I am today."

Vashee will also be missed by her colleagues.

Carol Ben-Davies, assistant director of multi-cultural student affairs at the James Farmer Multicultural Center, said Vashee was a great person to work with, who was always highly supportive of her students.

"I am very sad to see someone like Dr. Vashee go," she said.

You're Killin' Me

A New Column for the Misanthropes of UMW

By KERRI SCALES, KATIE THIEL,
CASEY CATRON & JENNA
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Features Editor & Guest Writers

Failure To Launch?

Limp biscuit, banjo string, whiskey dick, wet noodle...you get the idea.

It's been a long, stressful week of classes and come Thursday you've got the H.F. (horny feeling). Expectations are high, inhibitions are low and you're looking to do the 'walk of shame' Friday morning.

You put on your "skinny jeans," grab your purse and head out with your girls.

Forty-five minutes and five shots later, the hottie from your psychology class isn't looking half bad. You make eye contact and he saunters your way. Next thing you know you're stumbling through his bedroom door.

Clothes are being flung like frisbees across the room, and tension builds as he selects 'hook up mix #1' from his iTunes playlist. As Dido's "Thank You" plays in the background, you resist the urge to

roll your eyes, grab your panties and head for the door.

After that minor setback, things really begin to heat up, we're talking Jack and Rose from *Titanic*.

It's all smooth sailing and then *It* happens...or rather, doesn't happen.

Seriously? We understand everyone has their faults but calling the party off early because you've had one too many shots of Old Crow isn't fun for anyone.

The inability to perform seems to be a common problem among college-age boys. Redirecting our gaze, blaming it on nerves or telling us it's never happened before isn't going to satiate our appetite. Call it what you

want, we know your excessive alcohol consumption is the culprit. Unfortunately for us ladies, there's not much we can do to prevent it.

So if you want to take a trip on the S.S.B.J., keep a close tab on how much you drink. Remember, nobody likes a softie.

Something really grinding your gears?
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Kerri, Casey, Katie and Jenna give some helpful hints to the fellas at UMW.

Spring Spirit Week Heats Up UMW

By LUKE CUMBERLAND
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association (SGA) Spirit Committee is planning its second annual Spring Spirit Week, with events that guarantee to "Heat Up Mary Wash," according to the SGA.

Thursday, Feb. 8th

The first of many hot, buzzing social shindigs begins with a Barbeque in the heart of campus—Jefferson Square. Attendance ensures mirth and bedazzlement courtesy of PASH and Junk Science who will perform live. The party will rage on responsibly from 6 to 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 9th

The UMW Student Senate will present "The Spectacle," a commemorative and symbolic occasion consecrating the four-year anniversary of the Student Senate Film Festival. The evening will begin at 7 p.m. with the promise of cinematically induced visual seduction in Dodd Auditorium.

Saturday, Feb. 10th.

The merriment will continue to accelerate with the Community Outreach and Resources (COAR) Charity Poker Tournament. The event will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. at the Lee Hall Ballroom. Advanced sign-ups are mandatory. Sign-ups can be done at the Eagle's Nest from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. up until the day before the event.

A 2 p.m. the Men's Basketball team will host Goucher College. The SGA will have halftime give-aways for UMW students.

The week will end with a hot bang. "Fireworks are Hot," will begin at 8 p.m. in the parking lot in front of the soccer fields. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served beginning at 7:45 p.m.



Entertainment

Michael Ian Black Swings into UMW

By SUSANNAH CLARK
Staff Writer

Comedian, actor and pop-culture enthusiast Michael Ian Black has signed on to kick-off Giant Productions' new spring comedy series next week Thursday, Feb. 15.

This semester, Giant has nabbed five or six comedy acts to perform.

Sophomore Julia Schranck, a representative of Giant Productions, said the staff was thrilled about having the comedians on campus.

"We have received some really good feedback about comedy shows we put on in the past, and decided it would be fun to give the 'series' thing a try," she said. "We were really excited to get a big name comedian like Michael Ian Black to kick off

the series."

Giant is still working on lining-up the rest of the performers.

"The other comedians will be announced as we book them (we have a pretty big list), and they are sure to be awesome," Schranck said. "Hopefully we'll get a good turn out; it's going to be a great show."

According to the bio of Black posted on Wikipedia, he is graduate of New York University and is best known for his outrageous commentaries on the VH1 series of pop-culture nostalgia shows "I Love the 80s," "I Love the 70s," etc.

Born in Chicago and raised in New Jersey, Black claims he is "overtly Jewish" (the surname "Black" is the English translation of "Schwartz"), and often emphasizes this in his routines.

He has made regular appearances on Sierra

Mist advertisements and has played several successful rounds of "Celebrity Poker Showdown." Black wrote for and starred in his own television series on Comedy Central, "Stella."

He also provided the voice of the charismatic sock puppet on TV commercials for Pets.com.

Black currently resides in Connecticut with his wife and two children.

Along with URI, Black has also made appearances at several other college campuses, including Guilford College, The University of Rochester and Syracuse University.

This past October, when asked by *The Daily Orange*, Syracuse's campus newspaper, about his opinion of college students, Black said "college kids have buttered [his] bread for a long time, so [he has] nothing bad to say about them." When asked to elaborate, the comedian quipped, "Nothing. I mean, most of them are f***ing idiots, but beyond that, nothing bad to say."

University of Mary Washington students have also responded well to the news of Black's visit to campus. When freshman Emilie Begin heard the buzz, she immediately told all of her friends, who responded with similar zeal.

"I mean, who doesn't love I love the 80s?" Begin said.

Michael Ian Black will perform at Dodd Auditorium Thursday, Feb. 15. The show starts at 9 p.m. and doors will open at 8:15 p.m. Tickets will be on sale for \$3 at the door before the performance.

Although it will be the day after Valentine's Day, this performance has the potential to make even the loneliest of cynics crack a smile.



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Michael Ian Black

Dodd Auditorium

Feb. 15

Doors at 8:15 p.m., Show at 9 p.m.

\$3, tickets on sale at the door.

Broken Blue Centerlight Rocks The Loft

By SARA BAHRAINI
Staff Writer

For the musicians rocking out, College Night did not feature many college students in the audience.

But on Feb. 1, KC's Music Alley did showcase three talented bands: Philip Uster and the House Floor, Sparky's Flaw and Broken Blue Centerlight.

Philip Uster and the House Floor played the first set with Alex Tshan

and Ryan Lee on vocals and guitar, Peter Schudzik on drums and Clay Violland on bass.

The band is simultaneously quiet and loud while experimenting with emo and dance rock. They've got dreamy-sounding vocals, innovative bass lines and a lot of energy.

Sparky's Flaw took the stage, with Will Anderson on vocals, guitar and piano, Peter De Young on guitar, Alex Hargrave on bass, Kit French on saxo-

phone and Jamie Scubfield on drums.

Formed in 2002, the pop-punk/alternative band started playing together in high school in Charlottesville. "Sparky's Flaw" come from a racehorse named Sparky who had a short leg.

Listed as influences, Jason Mraz and the Killers are both whom can be heard in their sound. The band had great

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Photo courtesy of Clara Williams

Spectacle Showcases Myriad Student Films

By LENA MOSES-SCHMITT
Staff Writer

Sophomore Jonathan Stallings has been shooting and editing films since he was in seventh grade. Stallings submitted three of the dozen or so films that will be shown at University of Mary Washington's student-made film festival, The Spectacle, this Friday, Feb. 9.

Stallings got his start in motion pictures during middle school while filming his friends skateboarding. From there, he branched out into short films.

One of them, "Dedication," depicts a student's shoes coming to life.

"I was thinking skate shoes are made for skating," Stallings said. "If they had a real personality all they would think about is skateboarding, and so they get a life of their own...and it just goes on from there. It was a cool concept I thought of and I developed it into an idea."

Yet another one of the films he submitted, made during his sophomore year

of high school, is about someone buying lemons from a mob boss.

"Insanity ensues. It's a really goofy, but fun, movie," Stallings said.

Although this is his second year on the Film Festival Committee, this is the first year he has actually submitted films.

"I was kind of intimidated as a freshman," he said. "I'm a little more confident [this year]. I'm pretty sure they'll enjoy what I put out."

Shin Fujiyama, fifth-year senior and CEO of Students Helping Honduras, will be showing a documentary about the children he helps in Honduras.

Fujiyama won the award last year with a similar documentary. His latest will be one of

longer films featured.

"We can't help the children unless people see the movie," Fujiyama said. "This movie is a special thanks to everyone who helped last year, and about our next step. I was very grateful to be able to win last year because it's all for the kids."

The Spectacle is in its fourth year. Founded by 2006 alumna Elise Tobin, it is now one of the biggest events on campus. Last year, The

Spectacle almost completely filled Dodd.

"It's like the Oscars and a movie premiere all rolled into one," said sophomore and Spectacle chair Megan Kelly.

The stu-

dent-made films run anywhere from three to fifteen minutes long and are then

judged by a panel made up of three faculty members and two students. Awards are given out at the end of the show.

There will be a few surprise guests.

"We have

amazing celebrity presenters and we like to keep those top secret until the night of, but they're top notch."

Adding to the drama of the evening is a big red carpet sprawled outside of George Washington Hall that the filmmakers walk out onto from a limo. As they stroll into Dodd, they are interviewed by a host.

Audience members can watch the glitzy appearance take place through a live feed hooked up to a big screen inside the auditorium.

Although the event itself is free, students will get a chance to win a few door prizes by entering in the raffle. The door prizes include a TV, digital camera, portable DVD player and a \$50 gift certificate to iTunes. The money from the raffle tickets goes to benefit the group Students Helping Honduras.

The Spectacle opens its doors in Dodd Auditorium at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 9. The red carpet walk starts at 7 p.m. and the event will run until around 9 p.m. or 9:30 p.m. It is free for all students.



the Spotlight

By ALEX BEMISH
Staff Writer

Roxy Music by Roxy Music (1972)

What it is:

The debut by one of the most influential bands in rock music (despite the fact people rarely talk about them).

Why you should care:

When many people think of British rock from the 1970s, the bands that usually come to mind are the ones often played on "classic rock" radio: Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath, Pink Floyd, etc. While there is nothing wrong with this (I love all of that stuff, too), most Americans never hear about the other side of British rock at that time. This is where the Glam movement comes in.

"Glam" is often lumped here in America with what is more commonly known as "hair metal." This is understandable due to the influence of glam on that very-80s strand of rock; it should be noted that term has different meaning to the British. Instead, British glam is best described as bubblegum pop with loud guitars (Sweet, T.Rex) or art rock that chose to focus on glamour and kitsch (David Bowie, Queen) instead of wizards and difficult time signatures. The band in question here, Roxy Music, fits into the latter group.

To go into the history of the band requires a whole book (which there are already four written), so I'll be brief: a group of amateur musicians come together (most notably a ceramics teacher named Bryan Ferry and synthesizer player Brian Eno), decide to play as a band and dress up in goofy outfits while performing. While this does not sound promising, the music they made was unlike anything else made at the time.

The album makes heavy use of Eno's treatments, which were unusual in popular music (but are taken for granted today), and the rest of the band breaks out into heavy playing. This is not lightweight music. From the bizarre jams heard on "If There Is Some-



Photo courtesy of amazon.com

thing" and "The Bob (Medley)" to the addictive gallop of "Virginia Plain," this band meant serious business in spite of its weirdness. Most of the album's focus is on 40s noir cinema (hence the Roxy part) if it had collided with 70s science fiction, creating an odd blend of futuristic nostalgia. Ferry's voice is best likened to a warbling crooner, matched up perfectly with Andy McKay's saxophone blasts and the spiky guitar of Phil Manzanera. It's really quite a trip and just writing about it doesn't do justice.

It would only be one more album before Eno left for good (*For Your Pleasure* from 1973) and Ferry taking the band into a "lounge lizard" direction (if you heard "More Than This" in *Lost in Translation*, than this the Roxy Music you know of). Eno is often given the most credit, especially since he is better known as the producer of both U2 and Talking Heads and as a pioneer in electronic music. Yet this album had repercussions that still effects today's music. I was not being hyperbolic when I said they were one of the most influential bands. If you don't believe me, imagine what music would be like without this album: there would be no punk, post-punk, goth, New Romantics, Britpop, at least half of today's indie rock...

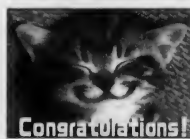
Who would like it?

Anyone willing to give something different a try. It isn't the most difficult music out there (ever heard of Merzbow or Diamanda Galas?) but I imagine this could try most people's patience. I also recommend this to anyone who has an interest in the history leading up to the British punk movement and all that it inspires.



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Congratulations to
senior Zach Bowman, winner of the
dozen free donuts for January.



This is Features Editor Kerri Scales.
She's popular.

"I'm not a
whore, I'm
popular!"

-Submitted by junior
Sarah Herzog

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The best overheard of the
month wins a dozen free
donuts from Krispy Kreme.

'Broken Blue' Band Plays

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chemistry with the audience who danced along.

Unfortunately for Sparky's Flaw, saxophonist French was drowned out by the other instruments. They may have sounded more instrumentally diverse had the sound set-up been more balanced.

But with their catchy beats and relatable lyrics, Sparky's Flaw seemed to be the most popular with the audience that night.

"It's tough to balance, but we love playing music...in terms of rehearsals, it's hard but the shows make it worth it," Anderson said.

Broken Blue Centerlight performed last. The UMW-based band consists of JK

Thompson on guitar, Albert Mirzoyan on drums, Dave Glover on guitar and vocals, Ross Berge on synthesizer and Jamie Moynihan on vocals and bass.

Crammed in Russell Hall, the band formed their freshmen year. Broken Blue Centerlight got its name from Jack Kerouac's "On the Road" from a passage that reads, "...You see the blue center light pop and everybody goes 'Awwww!'"

Their influences hail from a variety of genres, including pop-rock, indie and alternative. With their sound best described as a chaotic blast of emo and alternative rock, Broken Blue Centerlight was definitely the loudest of the three bands. Often times the lead singer would get entirely drowned out by the instruments, but all the members seemed to have a passion for playing music.

The Top 5 "It Sucks to be a Teenager" Comedy Classics

By ANDY DRAKE
Staff Writer

1. "Dazed and Confused"

It took a long time before my friends were able to convince me to watch "Dazed and Confused." The burnouts hidden behind a veil of pot smoke makes the DVD cover look like the worst kind of stoner comedy cliché. What I found was one of the funniest and most painfully accurate portrayals of high school society I've ever seen.

I didn't go to school in the 70s and I've never been to Texas, so it's a real testament to Richard Linklater's film making that I feel like I have. Every character is almost painful to watch. When Matthew McConaughey's character says he loves high school girls because no matter how old he gets, they always stay the same age, its only funny until you think of him twenty years down the road. Most people would agree that the majority of their happiest and most painful memories come from high school. "Dazed and Confused" captures this perfectly.

2. "Heathers"

My first reaction to "Heathers" was that it seemed suspiciously similar to "Mean Girls" only not as good. That was before Winona Ryder and Christian Slater tricked

the most popular girl in school into drinking Drano. The great thing about "Heathers" is how ridiculously politically incorrect it is. Not only does it involve high school kids murdering their popular tormentors, but the male lead carries a trench coat and a pistol around everywhere he goes.

The humor in "Heathers" is about as black as it comes and works because of, not in spite of, its setting. If none of this sounds particularly funny to you, "Heathers" is still worth seeing for no other reason than Christian Slater's hilariously bad Jack Nicholson impression.

3. "Sixteen Candles"

Most people might put "The Breakfast Club" on this list, but I'm a rebel. "The Breakfast Club" may be more "relevant" but the last half hour is like sensitivity training. "Sixteen Candles" on the other

hand, is just an awesome teen comedy. Molly Ringwald's family has forgotten her sixteenth birthday in the confusion surrounding her older sister's impending wedding. The results however, are pure comedy gold. In the hands of anyone but

director John Hughes, characters like foreign exchange student Long Duk Dong and the sex-obsessed geek Farmer Ted would fall flat, but luckily, everything comes together to create one of the most vividly awful school days ever caught on film.

4. "Freaky and Geeks"

The opening shot from the first episode of "Freaky and Geeks" is of a high school sports field. Football players run drills, track runners wave to friends as they pass by and a boy in a letter jacket professes his undying love to one of the school's cheerleaders. As these average high school students go about their daily routine, the camera moves underneath the bleachers

where another group of kids make out with their girlfriends, smoke cigarettes and talk about Led Zeppelin (it's 1980 after all).

The show follows the trials and tribulations of Lindsay Weir, a former mathlete who finds herself hanging out with "the wrong crowd" after suffering an existential crisis. Although the show was cancelled shortly before the end of its first season, it's still a nice reminder that no matter how much of a loser you are, things could always be worse.

5. "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"

Although Buffy's adventures continued into her adulthood, most would agree that her high school years are the most entertaining. The show takes the saying "high school is hell" quite literally: a gateway to hell rests right beneath the school's library. This "hellmouth" causes all manner of supernatural phenomena to wander right on Buffy's front doorstep.

The whole idea sounds like the setup for an awful, low-budget horror movie, but it works great when played for laughs. Unlike most teen comedies where the popular kids just act like monsters, in Buffy's case many of them are. Buffy may not work as a high school survival guide, but taken as a metaphor for how crappy it feels to be there, it does just fine.

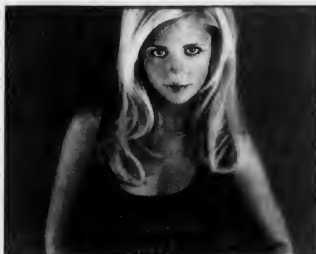


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News

Mass E-mail Cut Has Downsides

By MARY DAVID
Contributing Writer

University officials have recently changed the mass e-mail policy in efforts to reduce the number of e-mails going out to all faculty and students.

While some of the administration seems positive about the change, faculty have expressed concern that the policy is too restrictive. Most students have not noticed a significant difference in the number of e-mails they receive.

As of Nov. 17, e-mails addressed to all of students must be sent to the Office of Student Activities and Community Services (OSACS) for distribution unless they are urgent. Once an optional method for faculty and students to send all student e-mails, this is now supposed to be the only means for e-mailing non-vital information to all students.

Faculty e-mails that are not urgent must be distributed through *The Digest*, the faculty newsletter. Administration officials say the e-mail system will eventually be upgraded so that faculty can target specific groups of students instead of e-mailing everyone.

Teresa Mannix, interim director of news and public information, defined mass e-mail or broadcast e-mail as "an e-mail sent to a defined group." She cited examples such as e-mails sent to all students, all faculty, or all administrators.

Other schools such as the University of Virginia and Old Dominion Univer-

sity have policies to restrict mass e-mails as well, although Mannix said the administration did not conduct official research or attempt to get faculty input when developing the policy.

Sophomore Marie Coates said the effect of the new policy has been minimal.

"I haven't really noticed a change," Coates said.

Under the old system, many faculty were able to send out broadcast e-mails to all faculty and students through an option in their e-mail account, according to Chip German, vice president for information resources and chief information officer.

According to Rosemary Barra, interim vice president of academic affairs and faculty dean, the new system requires the vice president of the concerned department to review all official or urgent broadcast e-mails before they are sent.

If the concerned vice president considers an all-student e-mail official or urgent, their office will send the broadcast e-mail to students. If the official or urgent e-mail pertains to faculty, the concerned vice president will send it to the Office of University Relations for distribution.

Other time-sensitive or urgent notices such as snow closings or weather advisories must be sent to the Office of University Relations to be sent out in an email to all students. The office may also post them under "Campus Advisories" on the University's Web site.

As vice president of student affairs,

Bernard Chirico has been receiving more e-mails since the policy change.

"Certainly there are more contacts being made than there would be otherwise," he said. "I get well over 100 e-mails a day."

Still, Chirico said that the new system seems to be "a positive and a benefit" so far.

Several faculty expressed resistance to the change at the faculty senate meeting on Dec. 6.

According to the meeting's minutes, professor of music David Long said "he did not feel that the solution to students' not reading e-mail was to take away the ability to send e-mail."

Melina Patterson, professor of geography, said that she is "capable of deciding for herself whether she felt an e-mail was important and didn't mind occasionally receiving irrelevant e-mails."

Both professors seemed to feel unfairly limited by the new policy.

The minutes stated that Long considered it "demeaning to his colleagues for them to have to ask him as chair or the administration to send a message."

Mannix said that time-sensitive and urgent e-mails require a less extensive approval process than the other messages.

"The goal was to make sure that we are sharing information in the most efficient way possible," Mannix said. "We thought this would be a good way to help everybody find what information they really need to know in their e-mail, because students said there were just deleting stuff. Students were getting so many e-mails [that] it was hard to find the important information."

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Senior Mary Haggerty confirmed Mannix and Barra's accounts.

"I rarely read the e-mails because I got so many," Haggerty said. "It really bothered me that they sent so many e-mails, especially the e-mails that they could so easily send to only the people they apply to."

Senior Laura Zamperini said she thought the University used to send out "a reasonable number of e-mails to students."

According to Mannix, the change in policy has been beneficial to students and faculty.

"I've noticed that there's a lot less going out by e-mail," Mannix said. "From our end it's been working very efficiently."

Some faculty are unsure if the new policy is more effective than the old system.

"I have not seen any serious effect on how communication gets out," said linguistics professor Christina Kakava. "It has definitely put a filter, but I think all of the e-mails I was getting before I'm getting now, they only come from a different source."

Kakava said she has received information about retirement parties and at least four announcements for the holiday schedule since the policy has been implemented.

"I hope this institution will assess whether this policy will be effective and whether it will down the policy of mass e-mails," Kakava said.

Students were getting so many e-mails that it was hard to find the important information

—Teresa Mannix

Ecology Club Seeks Greener Campus

By BRITTANY DEVRIES
Assistant News Editor

For some students at the University of Mary Washington, concern for the environment goes far beyond recycling duty in the residence halls. Through an Energy Conservation Initiative proposal, students in the Ecology Club have suggested that the entire University should make a bigger effort in helping to conserve the environment.

Sophomore Hilary Lufkin, president of the Ecology Club, explained that the club brought attention to this need for campus energy efficiency last week through a two-fold event called Green Week.

"We had Green Week to raise awareness about student involvement in energy conservation on campus," Lufkin said. "A lot of people helped plan and run events."

With Lufkin, eight UMW students also attended the Virginia Youth Energy Summit at James Madison University in November. It was during this conference that the club got the idea for an energy proposal at UMW.

"I thought, 'Let's do this on our campus,' and we started planning," Lufkin said.

Senior Tessa Merna, co-chair for the events portion of Green Week, helped organize four events to raise interest on campus. A performance by all-student band Junk Science, featuring free refreshments, kicked off Green Week, attracting a number of students on campus walk. A viewing of Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth," a documentary on global warming, was held that Thursday evening. On Sunday morning, the club also held a "Fair Trade Tea and Coffee Party" in the Virginia Hall lobby.

The most informational event of the week was on Wednesday afternoon, when guest speaker Dick Ball, energy chair of the Virginia Sierra

Club, gave a presentation on global warming and energy conservation. Ball summarized the harmful influence of carbon dioxide emissions on the environment.

"Carbon dioxide not only changes the atmospheric temperature," he said, "but it is also the biggest contributor to ocean acidification."

Ball went on to explain that through the naturally occurring carbon cycle, greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide are constantly being emitted into the atmosphere, biosphere, and oceans; these gases then radiate energy that is absorbed as heat back into the earth's surface, facilitating global temperatures without causing any harm. However, the contribution of human-induced greenhouse gases (released, for instance, through burning fossil fuels or deforestation) into the air raises the concentration of gas emissions, which not only increases the global temperatures but the rate at which those temperatures rise.

"There are other gases than CO₂, but the rate at which CO₂ is being released [into the environment] continues to increase," Ball said. Besides the current concerns regarding greenhouse gases, the guest speaker delivered explanation slides and stories projecting how both businesses and individuals can incorporate short term and long term methods of energy efficiency and renewables into their lifestyles.

Freshman Peter Coe, who attended the presentation, was interested in the role that government plays in environmental issues.

"It is ultimately up to the politicians to enforce [this knowledge]," Coe said. "The more people that are informed and show concern, the higher a priority our representatives will hold it to be."

Just last week, a breakthrough study confirmed that the excess of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, emitted when humans burn fossil fuels like coal and gas, is the cause of global warming. The gases will continue to destroy the climate unless, as scientists hope, people begin doing things differently to prevent further damage.

Potentially negating that hope is what Ball called a "tipping point."

"As a scientist, we know that there might be a point where nothing can be done," he said. "[It is] the point where you wait too long and you can't stop it."

Proposing that UMW initiates its own steps towards cleaner energy before anything tips over, the Ecology Club paralleled its events schedule with an information booth and petition set up at the Eagles Nest. Each day, students could sign a petition supporting the effort in adopting an energy conservation initiative on campus.

"Our goal is 1,000 signatures," Lufkin said. "Then we hope to take it to Senate [for approval]."

Through the help of Doris Whitfield, member of the Rappahannock chapter of the Virginia Sierra Club (RSG) and UMW alumnus of '53, RSG joined forces with UMW's Ecology Club about five years ago.

This joint organization collaborative, which gives the ecology club a perspective outside of campus, motivates its members; it is this kind of momentum that Tessa Merna hopes other students will gain through Green Week.

"Students need to be more informed about the environment and learn about what [they] can do to help," Merna said.

Lufkin agrees that students can help out even when the University might not.

"Signing the petition is great, but more so it is an empowerment," Lufkin said. "I want students to realize they are part of a bigger movement. People have a responsibility towards [caring for] this environment, and there is a lot they can do."

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Viewpoints

Sexclamations

V-Day: Validation Day

By Elz England and Daniel Ceo,
Staff Writers



Gone are the days when we decorated an old shoebox with glitter and a red marker and everyone in our

Or you could go low-key. Send your lover an ambiguous card, condom-gram or vagina shaped sucker that the



class dropped the new "Spiderman" Valentine's card into our "mail box."

Back then, our feelings for one another were easily written on the back of a two by three inch card with a cartoon the front. In the good old days, everybody was our Valentine; in these times, one can never be sure.

College relationships run the gamut between sex buddies to completely committed. But one thing the in-between relationships have in common is ambiguity. In these cases, the ominous V-day lurking around the corner stands for "validation" not "Valentine's."

Nothing is more terrifying than Hallmark/society making you buy a gift of a romantic nature for your significant other—except not knowing whether you should/need to/are obligated to do something for that person who may/may not be your Valentine.

We've all seen a relationship on the cusp of moving from friends with benefits into serious territory, but nothing puts on more pressure than the impending holiday. If you're sitting on that proverbial fence you're probably plagued with these questions: "do I get her something," "what do I get" and "if I do something for her, but she doesn't reciprocate do I look like an idiot?"

It feels like all your Christmases coming at once when the boy you want to be your boyfriend sends you a dozen roses and chocolates. But it may require a pint of Häagen-Dazs and a Gilmore Girls marathon if he doesn't even call on the big day. V-day: it either validates your relationship or validates your worst fears.

That is why Dan and Elz think Valentine's day sucks. Well, not sucks per se, but was way cooler in elementary school. So, Dan and Elz devised a few guidelines to make Valentine's Day more fun.

First off, if you're in that sticky situation then Elz, the constant strategist, says ambush your significant other. Casually just drop the bomb: "Hey, are we doing anything for Valentine's Day? I was just wondering, because I have no idea." Bam. The ball is in their court.

The gift you give on the big day should reflect the level of your relationship. If you just started dating someone dropping your life savings on an expensive piece of jewelry is not only a bad idea, but pretty creepy. Similarly, if you've been in a relationship for three years you might want to go above and beyond a box of conversation hearts.

Another guideline: spend time, not money. We're college students, hence we're broke. Instead of splurging on a nice restaurant, use the internet to find a romantic meal and make it.

Or, put the Chinese food on real plates and light some candles. Bake cookies, red velvet cupcakes, offer to clean their house (or mine) or sit through their favorite (boring) movie.

Whatever you do, make it creative and tailored to your significant other. For example, if you're dating Dan, a photographer, then buy him a print of a really artistic photograph or frame a nice picture he has taken. If you're Elz's boyfriend, giving her anything edible will do.

The most important guideline: do not over-analyze your gift. If your significant other didn't go the great lengths you did, it is not necessarily because they don't like you.

Your significant other could have been worried about putting too much into the gift and scaring you off. If you're disappointed in your gift just remember that the purpose of this holiday should be to appreciate and recognize the one you have feelings for and whatever stupid gift they gave you, they did at least that.

Point being: have a great time next Wednesday, but do not worry too much. If you are single or miserly, bust out the glitter, an old shoe box and red marker and make everyone your Valentine.

Dan and Elz would like to wish Sexclamations a happy birthday! Last Valentine's Day, The Bulletin ran the very first column. Shout out to Betsy Crumb, the co-founding mother.

Tiers To You, Kid!

By Tierney Plumb, Associate Editor

Some seniors might recall our first big snowstorm four years ago, when a collaborative effort of many freshmen resulted in a 3-D art sculpture on Jefferson Square. Many lent a helping hand that snow day—on the creation of a snow penis.

While the "performance art" piece stood erect for only a few days, it was captured on college-humor.com as a memory of our first freshman year snowfall.

But the white stuff isn't always an excuse for such college antics. As we learned yesterday morning, this institution isn't quick to cancel classes.

While nearby Virginia school closings headline the FOX morning news after a mere inch of snow, this is not indicative of UMW closing, too.

On the Sunday night of a minor blizzard freshman year, my friends and I went off campus to visit my cousin Dane and his rugby roommates.

Senior "Big Dumb" lived up to his nickname with such ideas as sledging down their nearly vertical hill into an open doorway.

His five years of wintry mix experiences at MWC led him to believe he could convince six freshmen girls that school would be cancelled the next morning.

And the "Anchor-man" weatherman succeeded.

One turned into several rounds of Survivor-style flip cup in our layers and scarves, and we weren't dropped off in the Chandler lot until the wee hours of Monday morning.

Sure enough, 9 a.m. rolled around and the

only delay in sight was me rolling out of bed. I groggily slipped on my roommate Liz's J. Crew clogs, misreading their size 9 1/2 as 7 1/2.

As I hurried outside, bundled up students busting past the fountain to class got an eyeful as I bit it—all the way down Virginia Hall's steps.

Hobbling to class at Monroe on a probable sprain, I plopped down next to—no other than—the same "Big Dumb" who cried snow wolf to me the night before.

All I learned during those next excruciating 50 minutes of Western Civ was that note-taking on two hours of sleep is impossible to later decipher.

Staring at the chicken scratch I jotted about Charlemagne that "snow day" as I studied for the midterm weeks later, I regretted our midnight escapade.

Since then, I vowed I would never again a) go out and celebrate a premature snow day or b) believe anyone but a personal phone call from the President himself that school would be off the next day.

Stepping outside the morning after a snowfall to view a blanket of white velvet on our campus is a euphoric experience—wearing the proper shoes, of course.

But experiencing three winters at this school tells me the powdery stuff is purely aesthetic and conducive for building body parts—neither of which will cancel classes.

An element responsible for legitimate "snow days" has been freezing rain (it dangerously adheres to the brick walk).

That's why this Valentine's Day, all I want is ice, ice, baby.

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Sexclamations Petition: Submitted by Kathleen Pacious

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Sports

UMW Eagle Women Cruise By Sea Gulls

By MARIE PURKERT
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington Women's basketball team not only silenced Salisbury fans, but Salisbury's coach as well, in their 72-51 win over the Sea Gulls in Goolrick Gymnasium Tuesday.

The Sea Gulls coach, who prior to the second half was throwing tantrums that could rival those of Bob Night, sat in near silence for the rest of the game.

From her seat on the bench, she watched as the Eagles not only widened their 33-18 halftime lead, but eventually extended the lead to the 20 point final difference.

Junior Liz Hickey, who scored a team-high of 12 points and added five rebounds and three blocks, knew the game would be intense from before she stepped foot on the court.

"We knew going into the game that Salisbury was to play tough especially when they realized Debbie Bruen and Katy Larson wouldn't be playing," she said.

Bruen was out due to illness and Larson has a knee injury.

Without their presence on the court the Eagles had to shift their team focus for the game.

"To overcome their absence we focused on our defense," Hickey said.

Salisbury could not break past their Eagle defense and a shot a mere 31.7 percent from the floor, while UMW shot 42 percent.

Matching Hickey in double-digit scoring were Sophomore Katie Clarkin with 12, Junior Sarah Flanagan with 11, and Junior Amanda Bates who scored 10 and grabbed five rebounds.

Salisbury has not beaten the Eagle women in the past four years.

"We really wanted to keep that streak going," Hickey said.

The win was most definitely a team effort as the girls played with extreme fluidity.

"I felt our team chemistry was a big part of the win, it always makes the game more fun when everyone is clicking," Clarkin said.

Even with the playoffs looming near and NCAA tournament play an almost definite possibility, Clarkin notes the team's calm attitude.

"We are just taking it one game at a time. We can't over look anyone, so we just take it day by day."

However, that does not mean that girls are forgetting what team goals they set at the beginning of the season.

"Our team goal was to win the CAC and then go even further in the NCAA tournament then we did last year," Hickey said.

Until the post-season arrives, the girls are preparing themselves for the CAC tournament, it is close, but they feel prepared.

"We want to make our season last as long as possible, we are obviously still trying to achieve that, and with each game we are improving," Clarkin said.

With their win over Salisbury, the Eagles are now ranked 14th in the NCAA Division III rankings, advancing to 19-2 overall and 9-1 in CAC games. The women still sit proudly at the top of their conference which was earned in Saturday's revenge win against



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The women's basketball team regroups during Tuesday's game against Salisbury University. They beat the Sea Gulls 72-51.

York College, 74-62.

The Eagles will face another CAC opponent, Gallaudet University, Thursday night at 6 pm.

Eagle Men Rally For Spring Ball

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"This year, more than any other since [I've] been on the team. The guys are closer," he said. "[We're] a team of 32 brothers."

Ending last year's season with a record of 26-

10, all players have positive thoughts regarding the outcome of this season and both experienced and new players will step up to the challenge that is before them.

Senior Donny Price, a newcomer to the team, anticipates the seasons opening game.

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We want to go
out on top.”

-Ray Moore



"[I'm] always a little nervous the days before the first game but once I can get out there and start playing then that all goes away."

Price's feeling of anticipation is shared by his teammates, and there is no doubt that the opening game will be approached with the enthusiasm and determination.

Moore reflected on the importance of this season for ten seasons because it is their final one.

"We want to go out on top," he said.

The Eagle men face off against Villa Julie College on Feb. 10.

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Sports

Eagle Men Win Record-Setting Game

By **MONICA OWENS**
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington had more than a victory to celebrate on Tuesday as they exited the court in Goolrick Gymnasium.

Senior Mike Lee shot his fifteen-hundredth point during the game. He is the third player in the history of Mary Washington to achieve this accomplishment.

Lee's teammate, Senior Justin Baker also set a school record, shooting his one-thousandth point during the game. He is the fourteenth UMW player to reach this milestone.

Head Coach Rod Wood is proud of his players' extraordinary performances.

"[It's a] great accomplishment and [Baker] did it in his third year of playing," he said.

As for Lee, he is equally pleased.

"Only three people in history who have ever done that and that was a great milestone for him."

Baker, who hopes to continue playing for the Eagles while he attends grad school during the 2007-2008 season, is excited about this achievement and hopes to extend his record further.

The Eagles trailed throughout most of Tuesday's first half, gaining their first lead of 35-34 with 13:30 remaining on a layup by freshman Kevin Kitching.

With 9:14 left on the clock, the Sea Gulls regained their lead and held it until the final four seconds of the game.

With 1:03 remaining and the Eagles trailing, 56-53, Justin Baker stole the ball and scored a layup to cut the deficit to one.

Although the game came down to the very last minute, Senior Mike Lee was never questioned that they were going to win.

"I am always confident in my teammates," said Lee. "I have never thought the game is over 'till

"I have never thought the game is over 'till the time runs out."

— Mike Lee



Junior Jon Pierce takes a foul shot at Tuesday's game against Salisbury University. The Eagles beat the Sea Gulls by a single point, 57-56.

David Rogers/Bulletin

the time runs out."

The Eagles ended the second quarter determined to take back their lead. Quick thinking and a turnover with just 48 seconds remaining gave UMW the upper hand and clinched them the game. Junior Jon Pierce's final free throws, coupled with a blocked shot as the buzzer sounded clinched the game for the Eagle men, who won by a single point 57-56.

Senior A.J. Fitzgerald expresses his enthusiasm for the team's win.

"It is always good to get a win, losing kind of gets contagious sometimes, and it was nice to get another one under the belt," he said.

According to Fitzgerald, it was not of question if whether or not they could do it, but that they had to win.

"Tonight we saw things we can do offensively, we can control the defense on our offensive side which we have been working on and hopefully we

are going to click really nicely in the conference."

Despite his accomplishment, Lee is more focused on the challenge ahead—the CAC conference and tournament.

"It's a great feeling to have under my belt but I am more worried about conference," he said. "It was just a great accomplishment, and I pretty much attribute that to my teammates and my coach. It was great, especially with a win."

Baker agreed. "[I'm] putting that milestone behind me. Now we can go forth and continue to try to win."

The win which brought the team out of a three game losing streak was just another reason for Wood to celebrate.

"I felt great about the win...losing three games straight in conference with two of them in the last seconds of the game, we needed something like that."

Eagles travel to Gallaudet University Thursday.

UMW Ready For Spring Ball

By **WHITNEY JORDAN**
Staff Writer

With the loss of three key players to graduation and a disappointing fall in the final round of the CAC Championship Tournament last year, the University of Mary Washington's baseball team is striving to get back on their feet and prove themselves this season.

The Eagle men have already achieved a cohesive bond, and the season has yet to begin.

Throughout the off-season they have been practicing together and getting to know each other's strengths and weaknesses in order to prepare. With the addition of eleven freshman to fill the void in the team's line-up, a lot of time was required to make the team whole once again.

Senior Mike Murphy reflected on the team's shortcomings, but expressed little doubt that this season's lineup will be any less than last year's.

"It's always hard to fill the void of lost seniors," he said. "But the freshman are adjusting to the college game well and other newcomers are picking up on the little things that are important to being successful here at UMW."

Senior Ray Moore agreed.

"This year [we] have an experienced team that has a lot of potential," he said. "This experience will help [the team] get back to the NCAA



Courtesy Clint Otten

Junior Nate Hartman pitches during a game. The Eagle men hope to make it to the NCAA tournament this year.

tournament."

Junior Chase Townsend can see how the hard work during the off-season has already paid off.

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Upcoming Events



- Feb 10 - Men's Tennis vs. GMU, 10 a.m.
vs. Richmond, 6 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Villa Julie, 12 p.m.
- Feb 11 - Women's Tennis vs. GMU, 10 a.m.
vs. Towson, 4 p.m.
- Feb 13 - Baseball vs. Bridgewater, 3 p.m.

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